

1 [ \* I am writing this to support the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository project. As many people do not seem to understand, DOE promised to collect and dispose of the spent nuclear fuel from all U.S. nuclear power plants when the plants were originally licensed.

In 1985, when the Yucca Mountain site was selected for detailed study, there was no public outcry against the site. For 22 years, hundreds of top scientists from government and consulting companies have moved into this area, supported the economy, and raised their children. Local politicians certainly did not complain about that. Now, when the final stage of this work is ready for authorization, there is a swell of opposition. It is an unforgivable hypocrisy capable only of politicians. They can complain all they want but the bottom line is the repository is a federal project on federal land run by a federal agency. Their whining is for no purpose except to get themselves reelected by members of the public who do not know the facts. ]

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